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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, MARR, UNSC, IS, LE, XF
SUBJ: SWEDISH CASUALTIES NEAR KHardala BRIDGE

REF: JERUSALEM 898

1. UNTSO INFORMS US THAT DEAD SWEDISH SOLDIER WAS MASTER
WARRANT OFFICER AND WOUNDED OFFICER IS WARRANT OFFICER WHO
HAS BEEN AIR EVACUATED BY IDF TO RAMBAN HOSPITAL IN HAIFA.
HE RECEIVED IDF MEDICAL TREATMENT SOON AFTER INCIDENT AND
WAS FIRST TAKEN BY IDF AMBULANCE TO MARJAYOUN.

2. INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 150 METERS EAST OF KHardala
BRIDGE ON DIRT TRACK NEAR LITANI RIVER. TWO SWEDES WERE
IN A JEEP WHICH HIT A MINE AND BLEW UP. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO
UNTSO WHAT MISSION SWEDES WERE ON NOR WHETHER AREA HAD
SUPPOSEDLY BEEN CLEARED OF MINES. NO IDF WERE ACCOMPANYING
AT THE TIME.

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3. SWEDISH BATTALION COMMANDER HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN TALKING
TO PRESS WHICH IS PRESENT IN LARGE NUMBERS. FYI: US
COLONEL LEVERETTE, ASSIGNED TO UNIFIL, IS ON SCENE AND WILL
BE PROVIDING UNTSO WITH FULLER DETAILS. END FYI.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN EARLIER SWEDISH SKITTISHNESS OVER

SECURITY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, UNTSO FEARS THAT
INCIDENT MAY CAUSE FURTHER TROUBLES WITH SWEDISH UNIFIL
COMMITMENT.
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